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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled "METHODS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF HCV ANTIGENS AND HCV ANTIBODIES" are the following:

1. Communication (1 Page);
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to a telephone conversation between Attorney for Applicants, Cheryl L. Becker, and Examiner Lucas on December 12, 2005. During said telephone conversation, Examiner Lucas requested that Applicants submit a new, executed Declaration to replace the original Declaration submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 3, 2002. The Examiner indicated that some of the signatures on the original Declaration were not legible. Pursuant to Examiner Lucas' request, Applicants submit herewith a new Declaration.

Additionally, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention an unintentional error in the duplication of inventor Thomas P. Leary's signature line on page 4 of the new Declaration. The Examiner will note that the required signature of Dr. Leary is present on the attached Declaration.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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